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SUBJ: PANAMANIAN REACTION TO ELIMINATION OF USARSO

AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ REVILLA VOLUNTEERED FEBRUARY 11, AND CHOSE TO REITERATE FEBRUARY 13, THAT GENERAL TORRIJOS HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ELIMINATION OF THE INTERMEDIATE ARMY COMMAND IN THE CANAL ZONE (USARSO), ANNOUNCED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, IS PART OF AN EFFORT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO BE HELPFUL TO PANAMA'S GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF ITS DOMESTIC POLITICAL NEEDS, AND IS "GRATIFIED." BUT TORRIJOS HAD ALSO BEEN IMPRESSED, GONZALEZ SAID, THAT IT DID NOT CONSTITUTE ANY REAL ALTERATION OF THE STRUCTURAL STATUS QUO IN THE ZONE, FOR WHICH HE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE GRATEFUL. I DID NOT COMMENT ON THE GENERAL'S IMPRESSIONS BUT EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION FOR THE MESSAGE.
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